

WI-422  
Captain John Hagan House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1909

One of the unusual examples of Colonial Revival design in the Camden Historic District is the Captain John Hagan house, which is flanked north and south by more typical two-and-a-half story, center hall dwellings with colossal columned porticos. The Hagan house is less demonstrative in its architectural design with a Tuscan columned porch that stretches across the entire front and terminates on the south end with a gracefully planned curved bay and corresponding curved porch. The broad hip roof of the main block is defined by expressive cornice blocks that trim the perimeter of the house. Accompanying the house on the city lot is a contemporaneous frame garage that incorporates many of the stylistic features used in the dwelling. A steeply pitched hip roof has a broad eave punctuated with similar cornice blocks.

Construction of this well designed Colonial Revival house took place around 1909 following the purchase of the Camden Avenue lot by John Hagan, who was listed then as a resident of Worcester County. Thirteen years later, at the time of the 1920 United States census, Captain Hagan, a Norwegian by birth, was listed as a fishing fleet manager. He is grouped in the census with his wife, 40-year old Louella, three daughters, two sons, and his mother-in-law, Mary Quillen. The Hagans continued to hold title to the Camden Avenue property until 1923. Three years later, in May 1926, the house and lot were acquired by E. Homer White. White family ownership of the house continued until the mid 1970s.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Captain John Hagan House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 724 Camden Avenue

not for publication

city, town Salisbury

vicinity

county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Julius D. and Theresa J. Pantalone

street and number 724 Camden Avenue

telephone

city, town Salisbury

state MD

zip code 21801

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map 114, P. 1354

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

liber 901

folio 661

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
district	public	agriculture	landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture	2	buildings
structure	both	defense	religion		sites
site		x domestic	social		structures
object		education	transportation		objects
		funerary	work in progress	2	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use		
		industry	other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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### 7. Description

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#### Condition

x	excellent	deteriorated
	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Captain John Hagan house is located at 724 Camden Avenue on the northwest corner of the intersection of Camden and Virginia avenues in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay by two-bay frame house faces east with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis. The house is joined on the lot by a contemporaneous single-story garage.

Built around 1908, the two-and-a-half story, five-bay, center hall frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The main block is covered with a broad hip roof of slate that is finished with a wide eave. Attached to the back of the house is a shorter two-story service wing.

The east (main) elevation is basically symmetrical with five evenly spaced bays featuring a center entrance and flanking windows. The entire first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned single-story porch that wraps around each end. The center entrance is defined by a slight recess with flanking Tuscan columns and diamond-pane transom and sidelights. The front door is a replacement with a small window above the door knob. Flanking the recessed entrance are nine-over-one sash windows hung with louvered shutters. The Tuscan columned porch has a turned baluster railing that stretches between each column, and another balustrade trims the porch roof. Defining the second floor are five evenly spaced bays with a center door and diamond-pane sidelights. The flanking nine-over-one sash windows are hung with louvered shutters. The base of the hip roof is defined by a wide soffit trimmed with bold brackets. The roof is marked by a series of three hip roofed dormers. The center dormer is pierced by a four-over-four sash window and the front is trimmed with a flared surround. The smaller flanking dormers are fitted with three-over-one sash windows. Each of the hip roofs have sloped soffits.

The north end of the house is defined by a projecting bay window under the Tuscan columned porch that turns the northeast corner. The end elevation is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration of nine-over-one and six-over-one sash windows. The north slope of the hip roof features a single hip roofed dormer.

The south end of the main block is enhanced with a round bay of nine-over-one sash windows that is echoed in the rounded end Tuscan columned porch. Curved nine-over-one sash windows fill the perimeter of the rounded bay. The first and second floors are lighted by an asymmetrical fenestration of nine-over-one and six-over-one sash windows, and the south slope of the roof is marked by a hip roofed dormer.

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The west (rear) elevation is partially covered by a shorter two-story service wing. The house is served by internal brick chimney stacks.

The single-story garage is a well-preserved early twentieth-century structure resting on a brick foundation and sheathed with weatherboard siding. The rectangular garage has a steeply pitched hip roof with a broad eave trimmed with large blocks.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion	
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science	
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history	
	community planning		maritime history	transportation	
	conservation		military	other:	

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Construction of this well designed Colonial Revival house took place around 1909 following the purchase of the Camden

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Avenue lot from John Hagan, who was listed then as a resident of Worcester County.<sup>1</sup> Thirteen years later, at the time of the 1920 United States census Captain Hagan, identified as a Norwegian by birth, is listed as a fishing fleet manager. He is grouped in the census with his wife, 40-year old Louella, three daughters, two sons, and his mother-in-law Mary Quillen.<sup>2</sup> The Hagans continued to hold title to the Camden Avenue property until 1923.<sup>3</sup> Three years later, in May 1926 the house and lot were acquired by E. Homer White.<sup>4</sup> White family ownership of the house continued until the mid 1970s.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 61/52, 29 September 1908.

<sup>2</sup> Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden, p. 214.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 130/186, 28 May 1923.

<sup>4</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 144/142, 12 May 1926.

<sup>5</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 863/682, 11 October 1976.

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600



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Captain John Hagan House  
724 Camden Avenue  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 114, Parcel 1354

901/661                      George Anthony Purnell, William J. Ahtes, William Esham, Sr.,  
Charles R. Jenkins, Charles H. Holland

to

7/10/1978                  Julius D. Pantalone  
Theresa J. Pantalone  
Being Lot No. 1 on plat made for Marion A. Humphrey, et al.,  
1/30/1903, JTT 37/526

AJS 863/682                E. Homer White, Jr. et al., Peninsula Bank

to

10/11/1976                George Anthony Purnell, et al.

AJS 861/634                E. Homer White, Jr. Personal Rep. of Lella Morgan White

to

9/3/1976                  E. Homer White

JWTS 435/156              Evelyn E. Dennis

to

5/15/1949                E. Homer White  
Lella Morgan White

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Chain of title continued

435/154                      E. Homer White  
                                    Lella Morgan White

to

5/15/1949                      Evelyn E. Dennis

JCK 144/142                      Upshur W. Morris  
                                    Mary Crew Morris

to

5/12/1926                      E. Homer White

JCK 130/186                      John Hagan  
                                    Louella C. Hagan

to

5/28/1923                      Upshur W. Morris  
                                    Mary Crew Morris  
                                    Assumption of \$10,000 mortgage

EAT 61/52                      William S. Gordy, Jr.  
                                    Clara W. Gordy

to

9/29/1908                      John Hagan of Worcester County

Lot No. 1    Plat recorded 1/30/1903, JTT 37/526

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HEBRON

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

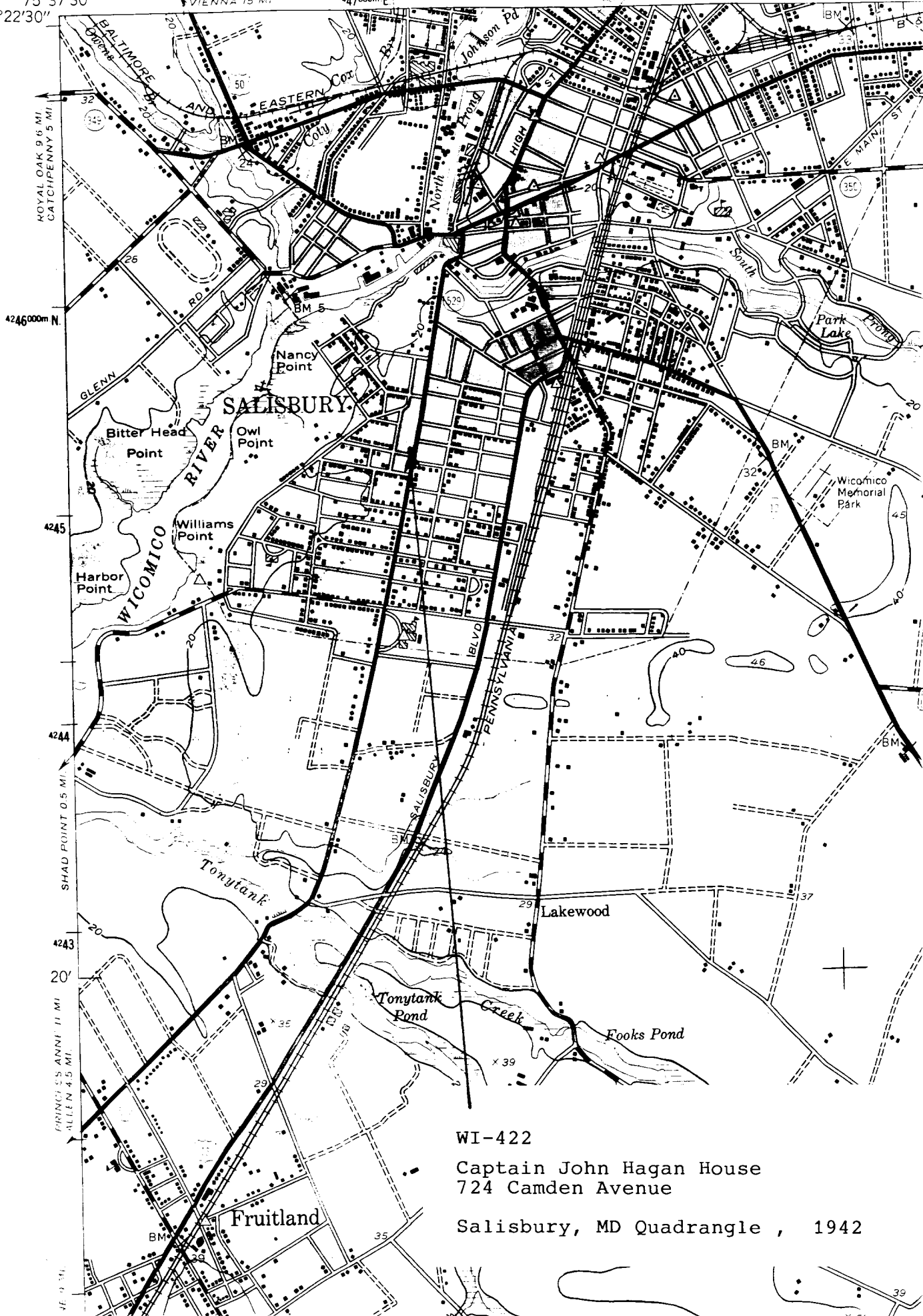
75°37'30"  
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.  
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E

LAUREL 13 M  
DELMAR 6 M

35'



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Salisbury, MD Quadrangle , 1942



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CARTRIDGE, 1000, 1000, 1000

SPRING, 1000, 1000, 1000

FAST, 1000, 1000

3/2000, 1000, 1000, 1000

1000, 1000, 1000, 1000

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Part. from 1st and 2nd

SAVING, 10000, 10000, 10000

EAST 10000

3/2000, Part 10000, 10000, 10000

10000, 10000, 10000, 10000

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